AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Docket No. Applicant(s): Dorian Birsan et al. CA919980052 (12991 Serial No. Filing Date Examiner **Group Art Unit** 09/437,619 November 10, 1999 Jonathan D. Stone 2178 COMPARISON OF HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURES AND MERGING OF DIFFERENCES RECEIVED NOV 2 0 2003 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Technology Center 2100 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** CLAIMS REMAINING **HIGHEST #** NUMBER EXTRA ADDITIONAL RATE AFTER AMENDMENT PREV. PAID FOR **CLAIMS PRESENT** FEE TOTAL CLAIMS 36 5 \$18.00 \$90.00 31 INDEP. CLAIMS 4 5 0|x\$86.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$90.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT □ No additional fee is required for amendment. \$90.00 Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0510 in the amount of A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Ruff J. Hoppin Signature Dated: November 13, 2003 Ralph F. Hoppin Registration No.: 38,494 SCULLY, SCOTT, MURPHY & PRESSER certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 400 Garden City Plaza Nov. 13, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first Garden City, NY 11530 class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the (516) 742-4343 Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Ralph F. Hoppin cc: SF/RFH/rjl

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